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COUNTRY AFGHANISTAN

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SUBJECT POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN OF THE DEATH OF FORMER
PRIME MINISTER MAIWANDWAL

1. [REDACTED] ON 2 OCTOBER 1973 FORMER AFGHAN
PRIME MINISTER MAIWANDWAL, IMPRISONED ON 20 SEPTEMBER 1973 FOR "ANTI-
REGIME ACTIVITIES," WAS REPORTED BY RADIO KABUL TO HAVE HANGED HIMSELF
EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 1 OCTOBER.
IN HIS CELL/ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CONTAIN AN ANALYSIS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN KABUL WHICH HAS
DEVELOPED SINCE MAIWANDWAL'S ALLEGED SUICIDE.)

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2. KABUL IS BECOMING ANOTHER BAGHDAD. MAIWANDWAL'S DEATH WILL BE LAMENTED AND NOTED BY THE THOUSANDS OF KINFOLK OF ARRESTEES AND DETAINEES NOW BEING HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAUD FOR "ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITIES." EACH WILL DRAW A DIFFERENT SPECIFIC CONCLUSION, BUT ALL WILL FAULT THE GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT, IN TURN, WILL NOW BE OBLIGED TO GO EITHER TO ALL-OUT SUPPRESSION OR DO SOMETHING TO ENGENDER POPULAR SUPPORT.

3. THE HARD LINE OF RADIO KABUL THAT CALLED MAIWANDWAL "A TRAITOR" AND "A CONSPIRATOR" WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT FACE VALUE IN AFGHANISTAN. HE MIGHT WELL HAVE ACTED TO FRUSTRATE THE GOVERNMENT AS HE WOULD KNOW THAT HIS DEATH WOULD END HIS PERSONAL TRAVAIL, BUT HE WOULD HAVE ALSO KNOWN THAT THIS DEATH IN PRISON WOULD HURT HIS JAILORS AND THAT THE REGIME COULD NOT EVADE RESPONSIBILITY. MAIWANDWAL WILL BECOME A MARTYR TO INTELLECTUALS AND WOULD-BE "FREEDOM LOVERS."

4. PRESIDENT DAUD AND HIS BROTHER AND FOREMOST POLITICAL ADVISOR, MOHAMMAD NAIM, HAVE ASKED FOR COPIES OF SEVERAL FOREIGN CONSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE ALGERIAN, TUNISIAN, AND FRENCH CONSTITUTIONS, TO BE SENT TO KABUL. NAIM HAS PROBABLY TOLD DAUD THAT THEY MUST THINK AHEAD AND CANNOT LEAVE MATTERS TO THE "CENTRAL COMMITTEE"

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